

Head Quarters New Windsor 22<sup>d</sup> March  
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Sir

Your Excellency's favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> ult. came  
to Head Quarters during my visit to Count de  
Rochambeau at Newport, from whence I only re-  
turned two days ago - You may be assured that  
every attention shall be paid to the Exchange of  
Col. Marbury in his due turn, more than that I  
cannot promise without deviating from a Rule  
of Conduct which I myself had ever observed, and  
which has lately been confirmed by an order of  
Congress - I have however the pleasure to learn that  
Col. Marbury is admitted to parole, and as he is,  
I believe, the oldest Officer of his rank unchanged,  
I hope his final release will ere long be accom-  
plished - I do not know what Officers were  
taken at Kings Mountain or in any part of  
the Southern Quarter, but should a general exchange  
take place due consideration will be had to the  
remaining prisoners at New York.

I have the Honor to be  
with very great Respect & Esteem  
Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

G. Washington

His Excellency  
Genl. Lee.

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